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(i) Occupied Area and Tenure.

260. The total recorded area of the State was 1,88,50,107 (1,88,84,395) acres. Deducting alienated lands to the extent of 14,82,518 (16,17,537) acres and 81,68,838 (83,63,109) acres consisting of minor inams, forests and uncultivable waste, which were not available for cultivation, there was a net extent of 91,98,751 (86,98,484) acres available for cultivation.

261. The net area cropped during the year was 68,54,835 (69,44,622) acres.

262. The number of ryotwari holdings separately registered in the State was 13,44,209 (11,31,337) with an area of 85,53,689 (84,88,350) acres.

(ii) Land Records, Survey and Settlement.

263. In Government villages, 8,568 (5,259) darkhast and other miscellaneous records were disposed of and measurements were made in 18,369(12,402) survey numbers involving an extent of 70,688 (47,155) acres. Classification was undertaken in respect of 7,469 (4,474) survey numbers comprising an area of 28,587 (16,594) acres in 4,732 (1,958) villages. Bandh Pahani of 6,974 (3,726) survey numbers was done in 4,013 (1,555) villages. Ninety-eight (291) cases of encroachment comprising an extent of 76 acres were detected. Forty thousand nine hundred and ninety-one (26,098) mutation hissas were measured.

264. Some special items of work attended to were :—

1. Demarcation and mapping of 1,020 acres in Peenya Plantation and Jarakabande Kaval required for Machine Tool Factory.

2. Measurement of lands acquired for the Aerodrome at Jakkur in Bangalore North Taluk. The total survey numbers measured were 56 covering an extent of 274 acres and 13 guntas.

3. Measurement of 80 blocks of land covering an extent of 771 acres belonging to the Military areas at Jalahalli, Machine Tool Factory and Air Strip.

4. Katcha Phodi work in respect of 796 blocks with an extent of 1,623 acres and 28 guntas in several taluks of Mandya District in connection with the disposal of lands under darkhast Rules, for throwing open for cultivation.

5. Demarcation of an area of 497 acres 16 guntas in Shimoga District required for rehabilitation of displaced persons.

6. The decennial revision of potgi was done in respect of 578 (603) villages and the potgi was refixed in the case of 307 (395) villages and

7. Survey training to the selected candidates was imparted. Among the schemes that were under consideration were property survey in Bangalore City, second revision settlement in respect of several taluks of the State which were overdue, revision of Survey Manual embodying the latest rules and circulars, taking up of Inam Survey work on an intensive scale, revision of Quit-rent Registers and amalgamation of temporary record of rights establishment with the permanent Land Records permanent establishment.

265. The total expenditure of the department amounted to Rs. 5,20,067 (Rs. 4,02,950). Finance.

(iii) Land Revenue.

266. The several concessions granted under the Grow More Food Scheme continued to be in force during the year. An extent of 3,26,960 acres of land (wet 26,787 dry 3,00,173) was granted from the commencement of the scheme up to the end of the year, excluding the extent of 65,732 acres of land, the grant of which was cancelled for failure to bring the land under cultivation as per rules. A total extent of 14,908 (wet 1,689 dry 13,219) was granted during the year. So far, an extent of 2,24,868 acres (wet 17,544 dry 2,07,324) of land was brought under cultivation under this scheme up to the end of the year. Grow More Food Scheme.

267. Out of an extent of 6,56,341 acres of land available for cultivation at the beginning of the year, an extent of 38,346 acres with an assessment of Rs. 41,393 was taken up for cultivation during the year as against 31,184 acres with an assessment of Rs. 39,336 in the previous year. Assessed Waste Lands.

268. The total area relinquished during the year was 4,715 acres and 27 guntas with an assessment of Rs. 3,331 as against 2,049 acres assessed at Rs. 2,671 in the previous year. There was a net increase of 33,630 acres and 24 guntas with an assessment of Rs. 38,063 in the extent granted for cultivation during the year.